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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S SPEECH OF APRIL 8 ON LOS

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1, IN ABSENCE FROM COUNTRY OF FONMIN, MINSTATE FONAFFS AND FONMIN UNDER SECRETARY, AMBASSADOR SAW ACTING UNDER SECRETARY AMIN MOHAMED AL-AMIN APRIL 14 TO DELIVER COPY SECRETARY'S APRIL 8 SPEECH, AMBASSADOR EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO SUCCESSFUL CONSLUSION LOS NEGOTIATIONS THIS YEAR, WORLD COMMUNITY CURRENTLY HAD OPPORTUNITY INSTITUTIONALIZE RULE OF LAW OVER 70 PERCENT OF EARTH'S SURFACE AND IT WOULD BE CALAMITY IF SUCH OPPORTUNITY WERE MISSED. SECRETARY HAD ACCORDINGLY MADE NUMBER SIGNIFICANT PROPOSALS TO RESOLVE OUTSTANDING ISSUES WHICH WE HOPED WOULD BE STUDIED CAREFULLY BY ALL STATES REPRESENTED. AMIN AGREED FAILURE WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE BUT SAID HE DOUBTED LOS NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE WOUND UP THIS YEAR. HE INDICATED THAT SECRETARY'S PRESENTATION WOULD BE STUDIED IN CONNECTION REPORTS FROM SUDANESE LOS DELEGATION, BUT NOED SUDANESE EXPERTS ON SUBJECT ARE NOW IN NEW YORK.

2, RE ISSUE OF WHETHER ECONOMIC ZONE IS PART OF THE HIGH SEAS, AMBASSADOR SAID HE UNDERSTOOD SUDAN HAD TAKEN POSITION OPPOSING THIS CONCEPT (USUN 1518). THIS WAS PUZZLING IN LIGHT LONGSTANDING VIEW OF MANY NATIONS THAT WATERS FALLING OUTSIDE TERRITORIAL WATERS REPRESENT HIGH SEAS. AMIN COMMENTED SOMEWHAT IRRELEVANTLY THAT SUDAN WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN ONE CANAL (PRESUMABABLY SUEZ) AND GOS ATTITUDE SHOULD THEREFORE NOT BE TOO SURPRISING IN LIGHT WHAT HAD BEEN DONE IN PANAMA.

3, COMMENT, AMIN SEEMED GENERALLY UNSYMPATHETIC TO OUR APPROACH THOUGH HE AVOIDED DISCUSSING DETAILS, HE IS NEITHER KNOWLEDGEABLE ON SUBJECT NOR ASSIGNED TO PERMANENT LINE JOB IN MINISTRY BUT WAS ONLY SENIOR OFFICIAL AVAILABLE TO WHOM SPEECH

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